

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4 and 6-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0057893 to Wood et al. (Wood). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the telephone interview, Wood fails to disclose each and every feature recited in the rejected claims. For example, Wood fails to disclose a data transfer control device for transferring data among a plurality of nodes that are connected to a bus, the data transfer control device comprising, a control circuit which starts transfer processing when a processing unit issues a start command for data transfer, and resumes transfer processing when the processing unit issues a resume command for data transfer, a transfer execution circuit which executes processing for dividing transfer data into a series of packets and transferring the divided series of packets continuously, when the processing unit issues the start command for data transfer, a cancellation circuit which cancels an execution of one of the start command and the resume command, when the processing unit issues one of the start command and the resume command, respectively, during a period of a reset that clears node topology information; and a circuit which informs the processing unit that command execution has been canceled by the reset.

As discussed during the telephone interview, the allegation in the outstanding Office Action that Wood discloses the claimed cancellation circuit because Wood includes a cancel button 458 that is used to remove menus from the television screen and to cancel choices made by the user of the digital video recorder is incorrect and inaccurate. The claim language specifically recites a cancellation circuit which cancels execution of one of the start command and a resume command, when the processing unit issues one of the start command and the resume command, respectively, during a period of reset that clears node topology

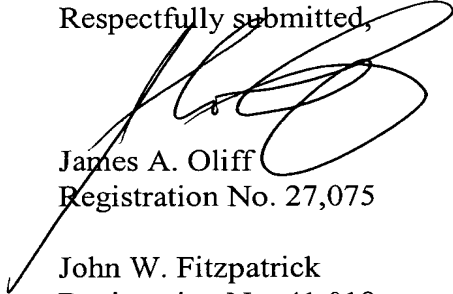
information. Wood is silent regarding the existence of node topology, a processing unit that issue start and stop commands, or a cancellation circuit which cancels such commands.

Additionally, the allegation in the Office Action that "the user can tell the digital VCR 10 to cancel the show selected by the user" corresponds to the claimed feature of a circuit which informs a processing unit that command execution has been canceled by the reset, is improper. The Courts have long held that a human cannot be corresponding or equivalent structure of a feature recited in a claim. As the Office Action has failed to provide a *prima facie* case of anticipation proper basis for rejecting claims 1-4 and 6-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), withdrawal of the rejection of those claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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